

Rewriting Halted On Commentary

NASHVILLE (BP) — Action toward the rewriting of Volume I of the Boardman Bible Commentary has been halted by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board here.

In a special called meeting, the executive committee of the elected board passed a motion requesting James L. Sullivan, executive secretary of the board, to "...instruct editorial personnel working with the Boardman Bible Commentary not to engage in any official discussions with any of the 11 writers of Volume

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W.G. Tanner Named Head Of O. B. U.

SHAWNEE — Dr. William G. Tanner, president of Mary Hardin-Baylor College in Belton, Texas, has been elected president of Oklahoma Baptist University by the school's board of trustees.

The 41-year-old educator minister will become the school's 11th president. He succeeds Dr. Grady C. Cotten, who resigned to become president of New Orleans Seminary.

Dr. Tanner will assume his new duties Aug. 2. Although a native of Tulsa, he has spent most of his life in Texas. He received a BA degree with majors in English and religion from Baylor University.

He has the master of letters degree in administration and the doctor of education degree in administration and guidance from the University of Houston. In addition, he has the bachelor of divinity and doctor of theology degrees from Southwestern Seminary.

Dr. Tanner has been president of Mary Hardin-Baylor, a Baptist college with an enrollment of 800, since 1968. He is vice chairman of the board of directors of the Texas Foundation of Voluntarily Supported Colleges and Universities and vice president of the Presidents' Association.

Prior to becoming an educator-administrator, Dr. Tanner held pastorates at the First Church, Gulfport, Miss.; Broadway Church and West End Church, Houston, Tex.; Field Street Church, Cleburne, Tex.; and Wheelock Church, Wheelock, Tex.

Graham Speaks On Proposed Postal Rates

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) — Evangelist Billy Graham, in written testimony submitted to the U. S. Postal Rate Commission here, criticized a U. S. Post Office move to impose an ultimate "750 per cent" increase in religious press minimum postal rates.

Speaking in behalf of his own Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, the Catholic Press Association, Associated Church Press and the Evangelical Press Association, he specifically challenged the contention by postal authorities that all classes of mail, even non-profit second-class, must pay their own way.

"This is a crutch used by the Post Office to tread its way through the maze of proposed second-class rates" the evangelist said. "But in truth, the fixing of compensatory rates is one of at least eight factors to be considered in arriving at a rate increase."

Mr. Graham was joined in his testimony by James A. Doyle, executive director of the Catholic Press Association, whose organizations recently filed responses to pre-hearing questions proposed by the Post

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Carey Graduate Is HMB Appointee

ATLANTA (BP) — Two couples, including a former national office staff member, were appointed as career home missionaries by the Board of Directors for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here.

Serving as home missionaries will be George A. and Barbara Torney of San Francisco, Calif., and Harold W. and Laverne Wilcox of Gage City, Va. Torney for several years was associate secretary of metropolitan work for the Home Mission Board's national office here.

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BAPTIST SOCIAL MINISTRIES ARE GIVEN VIETNAMESE APPROVAL

SAIGON (BP) — South Vietnamese officials and Southern Baptist missionaries have signed an agreement approving the missionaries' program of social ministries in the country.

The agreement relieves the Baptists of some of the high taxes usually imposed on imported materials, offers possible assistance with transportation of materials within the country, eases financial transactions through specified Vietnamese banks and assigns official recognition to personnel designated to perform duties related to social ministries.

The missionaries agreed to supply, when possible, personnel, materials and services to areas where help is needed, and they will cooperate with the government and other charitable organizations in avoiding duplication of existing programs.

The Ministers of Social Welfare and Finance signed the document for the Vietnamese government. Southern Baptist Missionary Walter A. Routh

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Father's Day June 20

Proverbs 20:7 "The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him." The father who loves, plays, and worships with his children has a closeness and understanding that blesses for a lifetime.—Home Board Photo

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New Hospital Financing Approved

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, in a called meeting Tuesday, June 8, authorized the Mississippi Baptist Hospital to effect temporary and permanent financing for the construction and equipping of the proposed new 600 bed capacity hospital to be built diagonally across the street from its present facility on property now owned by the hospital.

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary-treasurer of the Convention Board, said that the meeting of the Board had been requested by the hospital trustees.

Dr. Robert L. Hamblin, Tupelo, president of the Convention Board, presided over the meeting.

Zach T. Hederman, of Jackson, chairman of the trustees of the hospital, presented the request of the hospital to the board.

Mr. Hederman stated that the amount to be financed is \$22,000,000 and that the hospital has had feasibility studies made by competent firms to determine the wisdom of the present course of action and their conclusions are that the project is sound.

Mr. Hederman reported that \$1,855,985 had been pledged to date on the recent statewide campaign to raise \$2,000,000.

He added that the trustees expect the \$2,000,000 mark to be passed in the near future.

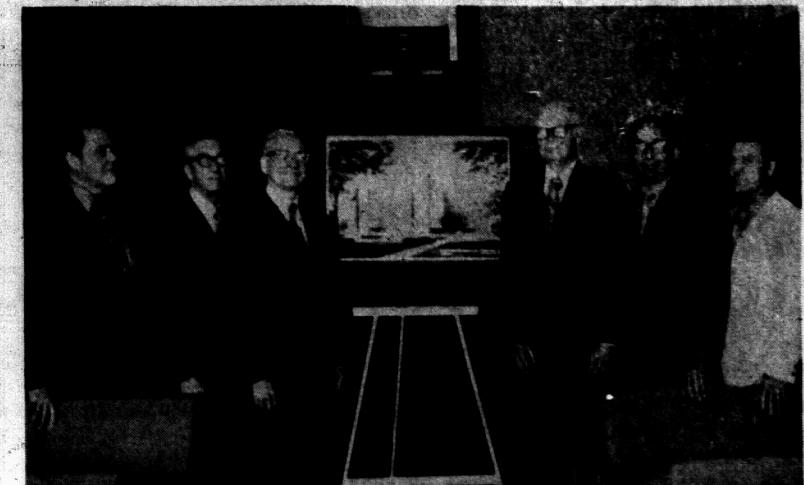
Paul J. Pryor is administrator of the hospital, which is owned by the Mississippi Baptist Convention and operated by a board of trustees appointed by the Convention.

Mr. Hederman said later that the hospital will be a six-story-with-basement structure of half a million square feet of floor space — a facility representing a \$25,000,000 investment.

It will be situated on a six-acre tract on the northwestern corner of the intersection of North State Street and Mansfield street — a site once occupied by Jackson Charity Hospital.

This site, which is currently being used as a parking lot, is diagonally across the street from the existing hospital, which will continue to be used as a patient-care facility.

Mississippi Baptist Hospital already is the largest voluntary (non tax-sup-



Several of the leaders present at the Convention Board meeting June 8 were, from left: Paul J. Pryor, Baptist Hospital administrator; Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary-treasurer; Zach Hederman, Jackson, chairman of hospital trustees; Pat McMullan, Sr., Jackson, hospital trustee; J. W. Underwood, Jackson, hospital trustee, and Dr. Robert L. Hamblin, Tupelo, president of Convention Board.

Compulsory Religion is Argued Before U. S. Court of Appeals

WASHINGTON (BP) — In a case before the U. S. Court of Appeals here an assistant U. S. attorney argued that compulsory attendance at church or chapel services for men in the nation's military academies has "entanglements whatsoever" with religion.

Continuing its defense in a higher court of requiring regular attendance at worship services as part of the "officer's training package," the government's legal spokesman said that the Department of Defense had found "no other way" to accomplish this particular part of an officer's

Robert J. Higgins, assistant U. S. attorney, presented the Pentagon's case in a one-hour hearing before a three-judge Court of Appeals.

The case, Anderson V. Laird was brought before the U. S. Court of Appeals here by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). In it six midshipmen at the U. S. Naval Academy and one West Point Cadet maintained that the military regulation is in conflict with First Amendment guarantees of freedom of religion.

In a three-day hearing last spring, top Pentagon officials testified before the U. S. District Court here that re-

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The convention was not raucous," observed the Baptist New Mexican. "There were no temper flare-ups, that I saw, and the meeting conducted itself with Christian dignity and serious purpose."

Several of the editorials pointed to one classic example during the convention when President Bates asked one messenger speaking from a floor mike to repeat what he had said, and asked him, "Are you still there?" The messenger misunderstood Bates and replied, "No I'm not mad."

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Resolutions Approved At SBC

Digested

On The American Bible Society: Called upon Southern Baptists to make worthy contributions to the American Bible Society for scripture distribution and upon State Baptist conventions, associations, and churches to emphasize the need for a wider reading and sharing of the scriptures.

On Beverage Alcohol: Introduced by James Walker, Clarksdale, Miss. Opposed any use of alcohol as a beverage drink and urged the Congress of the United States to pass laws prohibiting the advertising of any kind of alcoholic beverage drink on television or radio and its distribution on airplanes and other public conveyances. The secretary was instructed to send a copy of the resolution to each of the members of Congress.

On Prison Reform: Introduced by Raymond Lloyd, Ridgedale church, Chattanooga. Called upon Southern Baptists to follow the teaching of Jesus and care for those in prison by working to provide funding, education, ministries and such innovations as work-release programs, and expanded parole alternatives necessary to make prisons more honestly corrective. Urged Baptists in state conventions to work with community leaders, elected officials for more humane and Christian treatment of offenders, and called upon prison officials to increase education and vocational training.

On Abortion: Introduced by Larry Maddox, Missouri. In essence placed the convention in support of abortion under conditions such as rape, incest, clear evidence of severe fetal deform-

ity, and carefully ascertained evidence of the likelihood of serious damage to the emotional, mental, and physical health of the mother.

Judicial Reform: Introduced by Phil Stricklin, Dallas, Texas. Recommended efforts by the Chief Justice of the United States to develop more efficient courtroom administration and procedures, thus curtailing crimes committed by persons out on bail and awaiting trial for other offenses. The resolution also urged an objective reevaluation of present court structures and procedures by the American Bar Association and the state bar associations with a view to prompt any significant reform.

Public Education: Introduced by John McClanahan, Pine Bluff, Ark.

In essence reaffirmation of commitment to the system of public education, support efforts to improve it, and to seek God's guidance in reflecting attitudes, actions, patience, and compassion which make a positive witness of Christian love to all people.

Public Funds and Religious Education: Reaffirmed the right of parents to send their children to non-public schools at their own expense. Petitioned the federal and state governments to honor the principle of religious liberty and the constitutional position of separation of church and

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Music Directors Urged To Reach Youth Through Music

ST. LOUIS (BP) — The Southern Baptist Church Music Conference closed its national meeting here with a warning to Baptist church ministers of music against rejecting the pop-rock music of today's youth as it spills over into religious expression.

"If you reject the pop-rock music of the youth, then you reject the youth themselves," said Sidney Fox, program specialist for the Follett Educational Corporation, in Thousand Oaks, Calif., during the conference's closing address.

Fox told the ministers of music for Baptist churches across the country that a new pop-rock musical liturgy

is sweeping the country as a part of the so-called Jesus Movement.

"An old-time, foot-stomping, hand-clapping religious revival is happening, led by young zealots, with the liturgy of youth music," Fox said.

"They have found a new liturgy: the music of the pop-rock world whose composers create words and music that express their thoughts and heart-beat," he added.

"Must you wait until the youth have reached the point of no return before you try to elevate their spirits with the music that is relevant to them?" Fox asked.

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Nigeria Reports Vigorous Growth

"Vigorous church growth" in the Owerri area of eastern Nigeria is reported by Southern Baptist missionaries Bob and Ruth Williams. They said that 2,500 persons have been baptized in the Owerri area since the 20-month-long civil war which ended in January 1970.

One new preaching station, often with a pastorum, is started about every 15 days, they reported. Many churches less than three years old are attended by 200-400 people. A church was organized March 14 in Dumorji with 227 members; altogether 600 people were present.

In February 150 pastors and Women's Missionary Union members held a leadership conference in Ibadan, Owerri. "The meeting was characterized by optimism, enthusiasm and vigor—optimism because this area which was war-torn and the setting of so much human suffering seems to be making a remarkable and rapid recovery," said Williams.



Miss Patterson Studies Home Missions Firsthand

Mississippi Marjean Patterson, fourth from right, state Woman's Missionary Union executive secretary, made a firsthand study of home missions during a recent tour of New Orleans, Houston, the Texas Valley, San Antonio, Presidio, El Paso, Tulsa, Kansas City and the Land Between the Lakes. Special emphasis was placed on mission vocations and work with other faiths in preparation for the study of these areas by churches during the next two years. The tour was made in four private aircraft. (HMB Photo)

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state inherent in the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. It also requested the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs to make known Southern Baptists' view on public funds for education in church-controlled schools to governments on all levels whenever it is appropriate to do so. Also expressed extreme displeasure in President Nixon's personal representative at the Vatican and that he be recalled.

On World Peace: Introduced by Clyde Lee Herring, Texas. Urged Christians to remember that in reference to war our primary responsibility is to work for a just peace. Commended President Nixon for his part in reducing the number of troops in Vietnam, and urged him to continue our American withdrawal in keeping with our desperate concern for the prisoners of war, and assured him of our prayers in the search for world peace.

On Voluntary Prayer: Introduced by Scott Tatum, Louisiana. Reaffirmed belief in voluntary prayer on the part of all people and urged the churches to teach their members the true nature of prayer and the role of the Holy Spirit in helping people to pray. Encouraged Southern Baptists to participate in prayer experiences that are voluntary, not imposed by governmental or ecclesiastical authorities.

Public School Education: Introduced by John McClanahan, Arkansas. Reaffirmed the convention's commitment to our system of public school education as a means of raising the knowledge level of all children in this nation. Called upon Southern Baptists to support efforts to improve the quality of public education, thus enhancing the possibility of responsible freedom for each young person in America. Called for a seeking of God's guidance in the midst of social change that attitudes and actions might speed the progress of justice for the non-profit religious press.

and that patience and compassion may make a positive witness of Christian love to all people in our day.

On Prejudice: Introduced by Elmo Scoggins, North Carolina. Urged Southern Baptists to explore appropriate ways in which the recognition of honest differences between Christians and non-Christians may be admitted so the claims of Christ can be promulgated without violating the dignity and respect of others. Also pointed

out particularly one area of concern known as namely anti-Semitism, which some think erroneously is inherent in Christianity, and "which we disavow."

On Gratitude and Commendation: Expressed gratitude to God for His presence, to messengers who met in a spirit of reverence and responsiveness and participated in the business of the convention in the spirit of Christ, to local committees, and com-

mended the Committee on Order of Business for efficient, effective and wise scheduling of the sessions. Also expressed gratitude to the press for their perceptive coverage and their spirit of cooperation, to the auditorium staff, policemen and other employed personnel of Kiel Auditorium and the city of St. Louis for friendly and willing helpfulness. Adapted from Digest in *Baptist & Reflector* (Tenn.)

Graham Speaks On Postal Rates

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Office, as representative of all four press groups.

Mr. Graham urged the postal commission to consider scaling down "mightily" the virtually confiscatory rates proposed by the postal service "in recognition of the social and religious contribution of the not-for-profit religious press."

He said the religious press represents an "inelastic market" and added that he did not know how many religious publications will be forced to halt operations or be forced to merge because of the ultimate 100 per cent rate increase.

Observing that the commission is "not required" to make the non-profit press pay its own way, Mr. Graham said, however, that the commission "is empowered to recognize that the non-profit religious press pays its way in a far sounder and more meaningful method—by contributing to and shoring up the moral underpinnings of this country."

The evangelist said he wanted to assure the commission that the case for the non-profit religious press is

not simply one of dollars and cents.

"It requires a far broader consideration of redeeming religious and social contributions," he stressed, "of said media and a determination of whether this media is to be harshly penalized for foregoing profit motivations—in favor of the aforementioned contributions."

He reiterated that the Post Office's absolute assertion that we must pay our own way... is simply not true. . . .

"With the establishment of a fair and equitable" schedule of rates, he added, "avoiding a negative effect on the not-for-profit religious press, I believe we can continue to perform our ministry... to the benefit of all."

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piece surcharges tacked on to normal postal increases.

Urging special consideration of the non-profit religious press to offset "deterioration of a justly preferential position," he said "we believe the rate commission should direct that non-profit second class rates should be established as a fixed percentage of second class rates—such as the traditional 50 per cent."

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W. C. Fields - - Spotligher Of Southern Baptists

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Fields

Field marshal of the greatest religious news coverage in America is Southern Baptists' W. C. Fields.

In his four-fold position of public relations secretary of the Executive Committee of SBC, press representative of SBC, editor of The Baptist Program, and director of the Baptist Press, Dr. Fields (he has the Th.D. degree from Southern Seminary, Louisville) has been responsible as no one else for making Southern Baptists the most spotlighted religious denomination in the world.

There are some who think this achievement is something less than an unmixed blessing for a people who frequently "wash their dirty linen in public." But Fields and the SBC Executive Committee, which pays his salary, feel that Southern Baptists have nothing to hide from themselves or from anybody else.

For many years now, the news coverage of the annual sessions of the SBC, under W. C.'s direction, has constituted one of the most remarkable routines in the religious world. Top journalists from news services and newspapers of the nation who have come to cover the conventions have frequently been more enthralled by the Baptist Press operation than by the myriad of actions and activities it consistently covers to the last minute.

From time to time columnists have paid tribute to Fields and

drinks and doughnuts to reporters, along with tables, typewriters, telephones, headgears tied in with the intercommunication system, and with closed-circuit TV, all in a large, restricted-area press room;

3. Extensive, on-the-spot, press photo service available to all reporters at cost (\$2 per 8-by-10 inch glossy print);

4. Free distribution, in advance, to all major speeches, printed in full "to give the press an idea of what's upcoming";

5. A radio-TV news center for getting out daily news summaries on convention proceedings, via telephone "hotlines," to 500 radio stations all over the nation;

6. Provision in advance to newsmen of "News kits" of 125 pages each—"a newsmen's delight."

The philosophy back of such elaborate press service was expressed by Dr. Fields in interview with Mr. Robison:

"Southern Baptists have a primary responsibility to their congregations and the public at large to report what the largest Protestant group is doing or not doing and how it's maintaining its role in the religious scene."

There are many ways of judging a man. In the quarter of a century I have known W. C. Fields I have viewed him from many angles and in widely varying circumstances. I have never known him to rate anything but A-plus. A ball of energy and congeniality, this six-foot, 190-pound native of Saline, La., is a rare combination of rich, native endowment and remarkable

his associates for their phenomenal operation. But it remained for James Robison, staff writer of the St. Louis Globe Democrat, to be the first to do a full-scale feature article on the theme. The article appeared in the Globe Democrat of May 29-30, just ahead of the 114th annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention last week in St. Louis. Its six-column, streamer-head created some apprehension in inner Baptist circles: The selling of the Baptists! But it turned out to be quite a different story from "The Selling of the Pentagon."

Some of the highlights of Fields' symphonic communication production this year that fascinated Mr. Robison were:

1. Assemblage of a staff of 36 specialists (the most of them volunteers working "free gratis, for nothing") to cover various aspects of the convention;

2. Provision of free coffee, soft

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He observed that the music liturgy of youth is nothing but an extension of what has been going on for centuries: "the need for man to find a new expression and communicate in new and changing times."

Throughout his presentation, Fox played recordings of pop-rock selections to illustrate his points. The selections from "Hair" and "Jesus Christ, Superstar" and other pop-rock recordings by such performers as the Beatles, Bob Dylan, Simon and Garfunkel, George Harrison, and others were in sharp contrast to the music presented earlier during the 2½ day jammed-packed meeting.

During the conference, the Baptist musicians heard premier performances of three new musical works, attended a composer's symposium and heard a half-dozen concerts by Baptists, church choirs and musical

groups.

The conference honored both the retiring and the new secretaries of the Baptist Sunday School Board's church music department.

Elected president of the organization of Baptist church ministers of music was Cari Perry, of the First Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn.

Meeting at the First Baptist Church of St. Johns, a suburb of St. Louis, following the Southern Baptist Convention, the conference featured addresses by seven speakers.

Donald Orr, a music missionary to Colombia, said that music has opened doors in South America that no other method could accomplish, and Donald Allured of Lake Charles, La., minister of music for First United Methodist Church, told of the use of bell choirs in church music ministries.

In his president's address, Bob Burroughs, minister of music for First Baptist Church in Abilene, Tex., recalled impressions from two years as president of the conference. He

discussed the lack of communication between local church staff and members of the church, the new music revolution, and how Baptist musicians should "pull your heads out of the sand and get into the word as it marches by."

Samuel Adler, professor of composition at Eastman School of Music, Rochester, New York, led a composer's symposium. A selected portion of the Oklahoma Baptist University Chorale performed seven of Adler's works during the symposium.

The anthem, "How Great," was written by William J. Reynolds, new secretary of the SBC Sunday School Board's church music department. It was performed by the William Jewell College Choir.

Reynolds was honored by the conference with a new award named in honor of the retiring secretary of the department. It was the first time the W. Hines Sims Award of Achievement was presented to a person cited for the most outstanding contribution to church music during the past year.

Two other vice-presidents for divisions of the conference were re-elected: Duane Barrett of the California Southern Baptist Convention, Fresno, in the denominational workers division; and James C. McKinney, of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, in the educational division.

Miss Tabor was again re-elected secretary-treasurer by the conference's executive council.

Carey Graduate

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The Torneys will work as directors in the First Southern Baptist Church in San Francisco where he is presently pastor.

A native of Maryland, Torney is a graduate of William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. Mr. Torney is a graduate of Mobile Infirmary School of Nursing.

Bennett C. Cook, former director of the Church Services Division for the Northwest Baptist Convention in Oregon and Washington, has been appointed to the First Southern Baptist Convention's Division of Church Loans of the Board here.

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In a telephone conversation on June 11, Sullivan told Davies that the executive committee action precluded the scheduled discussion about the rewriting of Volume I.

He also told Davies he would be welcomed as a leader in the Baptist world fellowship.

Davis is now serving as president of the Baptist Union of Great Britain.



Mr. Higgins



Mrs. Higgins

Mr. And Mrs. Higgins To Join Clarke Faculty

Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Higgins, former Newton residents, now in Honolulu, Hawaii, will join the Clarke College staff this summer. Mr. Higgins will be director of development and Mrs. Higgins will have charge of the college publicity.

Mr. Higgins is a graduate of Union University and of Golden Gate Seminary, and has done additional graduate work at the University of Hawaii.

At Newton, he formerly served as minister of music and youth at First Church; at First Church, Yazoo City, he was director of music and church activities; at University Avenue Church, Honolulu, he was education director. In 1970 he served as music instructor in Chaminade College, Honolulu.

Mr. Higgins has also served as instructor in the DeWitt Clinic, San Rafael, Calif., where he used programmed learning materials. As District Supervisor for Honolulu Community Action Program, he worked with three teaching centers.

Mrs. Higgins holds a B.A. degree from Chaminade College, Honolulu, with a major in English.

In September, 1970, she interrupted her Master of Arts program to accept the position of Women's Editor for KHVH Radio, Honolulu, producing ten radio programs weekly.

Mr. and Mrs. Higgins have one daughter, Jennifer, age fourteen.

New Hospital - -

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ported) hospital in the state, with a total of over 400 beds.

Construction of the new 600-bed hospital scheduled for completion in 1975, will make Mississippi Baptist Hospital a major medical complex with a total of 1000 beds.

An area just north of the new hospital will be designed to accommodate approximately 100 automobiles for the hospital medical staff. Public parking areas are being planned.

Mr. Hederman gave the following additional details: The top four floors will be composed of four Y-shaped wings with a nursing station at the fork of each Y. Each Y-shaped wing will house 36 patients, or 144 patients on each floor.

The three bottom levels (first and second floor and basement) will be rectangular in shape and will be larger than the four patient floors.

The second floor will include the surgical suite, the radiography room, the clinical laboratories, and a cardiovascular unit.

The first floor will include administrative offices, admitting office, lobby, accounting office, personnel office, purchasing office, etc., a chapel, a gift shop and other units.

Also on the first floor will be the emergency room, which will be accessible from North State Street; the inhalation-therapy unit, the exercise and hydrotherapy areas and outpatient clinic.

The "basement" is actually at ground level on the west and north, due to the ground slant, providing surface access for employees and for service docks.

In the basement will be the dietary kitchen, maintenance engineering, materials, management, central processing, central supply, medical records, housekeeping, pharmacy, education, mail room and other units.

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(Continued from page 1) quired attendance at worship services helped future officers to understand "the impact of religion on various individuals."

In August of last year U.S. District Court Judge Howard F. Corcoran upheld the Pentagon's practice and agreed that the purpose of compulsory chapel for future military officers "is purely secular" and that "its primary effect is purely secular."

Arguing against the government's position, Warren K. Kaplan accused the Pentagon of developing a theory "riddled with logical flaws." Kaplan represented ACLU in its appeal to the higher court.

Kaplan described as a "conspiracy" the Pentagon's testimony that the sole purpose of compulsory attendance was to permit future officers to observe how other men worship. . . . so that in future crises they would be able to understand religious needs."

Reading from catalogues and manuals governing the military schools, Kaplan cited a number of statements

where, he said, the "real purpose . . . is to inculcate future officers with religious faith because of the government's belief that (to do so) they will

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The Illinois Baptist captioned its editorial with that quote, calling it "the best four-word speech at St. Louis." Observed the editor: "It illustrated that Baptists can disagree without getting angry at each other."

Searching for adjectives to describe the convention, the editors used such descriptive phrases as "peaceful," "harmonious," "calm," "cool," "routine," "good but not perfect," "unique — there's not another like it," "wholesome," "conservative," and "monotonic."

The Baptist Standard of Texas characterized the convention with the word "suppressed," observing that the messengers allowed themselves to be suppressed in their quest for peace."

Both the Alabama Baptist and the Christian Index of Georgia said editorially that the lack of conflict and the spirit of the St. Louis meeting reflected "a growing maturity" on the part of Southern Baptists.

Almost all of the weekly state papers commented on the vote of the convention (2,672 to 2,230) to ask the SBC Sunday School Board to "obtain another writer" to rewrite the Broadman Bible Commentary volume on Genesis and Exodus banned by the convention last year.

In an interpretation of the significance of that action, the Mississippi Baptist Record observed that "what is being said is far deeper than mere discontent with a commentary," and that "the messengers were speaking on a much large issue."

"Southern Baptists are saying that they are determined to stay with the Bible believing conservatism which has characterized the convention since

its beginning, and they are not willing to move toward a more liberal position," the Mississippi editor said.

"Changing one of the writers in Volume I of the Broadman Bible Commentary is not going to make it a conservative commentary which will please most Southern Baptists, since there are other sects and other volumes which are just as objectionable," said the Mississippi editor.

"Neither will it bring solution to the real issue troubling us."

The editors of the Virginia and District of Columbia papers, however, took a different view.

"The loser in this whole episode is . . . the people who are so unsure of their own faith and whose understanding of the Bible is so shallow that they can't read another view different from theirs without feeling threatened," said the Capital Baptist.

The Virginia Religious Herald called the commentary action "disturbing," and observed that "dropping this pebble in the denominational waters could result in ever-widening ripples, affecting many, if not all, boards, institutions and commissions" (of the SBC).

The Religious Herald cited the diversity within the SBC and added that such diversity calls for mutual respect and acceptance of differing points of view in the denomination. The action raised several difficult questions which Baptists must face in the future, the editorial said.

Both the Maryland and Louisiana papers said editorially that they did not believe Southern Baptists needed a Bible commentary anyway, and that any attempt by a Baptist publishing house to interpret the scriptures in a scholarly fashion was bound to cause "a stirring in the nest."

The North Carolina Biblical Recorder observed that the "Broadman Commentary is really not worth all the division and misunderstanding it has caused," and that "this controversy will be resolved eventually just as others have in the past." The editor added that "there are still some ripples of discontent, but we do not view these as serious threats to the unity and progress of Southern Baptists."

Commenting on the emphasis on peace and harmony at the meeting, the Texas Baptist Standard wrote that the determination for harmony was so intense on the first day of the convention that the Sunday School Board possibly could have on that first day got an endorsement for its plan to have the original authors revise the commentary. "On this first day the determination for harmony would have been so intense that any other than skirmishing as a mode of baptism," the editor quipped.

"The desire for harmony did produce one action that is filled with unfortunate possibilities," said the Kentucky Western Recorder. "Based on unprecedented interpretation of By law 16 by convention parliamentarian James Bullman, President Bates ruled that any motion affecting an SBC agency or institution . . . not printed in the report of that institution must be referred to the SBC Executive Committee."

The Indiana Baptist devoted its lead editorial to the interpretation of this convention by sacrificing "the time-honored Baptist principle of the autonomy of the convention in session."

"This was the first time in the memory of convention observers that messengers were denied the right to debate and vote on motions presented during a convention," said the Indiana editor. "This in essence denies the convention the power to be a convention . . . and means that the Executive Committee will be a filter of any motion by a messenger before the convention can discuss and act upon it."

The purpose of the bylaw, the editorial observed, is to protect the messengers from hasty motions by the agencies, but the new interpretation reverses this to protect the agencies from motions by the messengers.

"If we ever get to the place we do not trust this (democratic) process and the messengers themselves, we have ceased to be Baptists," said the Indiana editor. "The delay in considering this basic issue (bylaw 16 interpretation) meant that this year's SBC was devoid of any business initiated by the messengers. In this respect it was not a Baptist meeting."

The Ohio Baptist Messenger called the bylaw interpretation "a gag rule," and observed that the St. Louis convention "may go down as one of the most 'Presbyterian' meetings Baptists ever had."

Disagreement With Parliamentarian

None of the editorials in the Baptist state papers agreed with the parliamentarian's interpretation of the bylaw. The Arkansas Baptist News-magazine said that the interpretation put the SBC in the "bizarre position of having refused itself the privilege of conducting its own affairs, and in effect, placing the Executive Committee over the Convention."

The Baptist paper editors, however, were not critical of the convention president for the ruling. More than a dozen of the editorials praised Bates as a president, and his "calm, low-key," "fair," "courteous," and "masterful" job of presiding.

Bates "brought a new dimension of understanding to the presidency," said the North Carolina Biblical Re-

porter. "He is God's man for the hour for Southern Baptists," chimed the Georgia Christian Index.

"There has not been a better presiding officer nor do we recall a better president," added the Texas Baptist Standard.

The editorials had no praise, however, and some criticism, for the selection of James Bulman of North Carolina as parliamentarian. The Texas Baptist Standard called Bulman's appointment "Bates' only mistake," and credited Bulman "for going" on bylaw 16.

The Maryland Baptist put it in stronger words. "Dr. Bates presided under great pressure from a parliamentarian who apparently wanted to run the convention and thought he could and should in his role."

"If Mr. Bulman's ruling had prevailed at Denver, there could not have been one word of discussion about the Sunday School Board or the Christian Life Commission," continued the Maryland editorial. "Messengers who felt as strongly as some did at Denver would have held a public burning of Robert's Rules of Order and the Convention's bylaws with Mr. Bulman tied to a stake in the center of the fire."

"We have always believed a parliamentarian was a resource person with recognized expertise in the field, but apparently Mr. Bulman felt he had a mandate to tell President Bates every move he could make. He popped up and down, paced the stage, counseled messengers on procedures and even talked to Dr. Bates while the president was addressing the body in his presiding," the editorial said.

"Mr. Bullman hasn't been to a convention since 1959, the year he insists

he was bodily thrown out," the Maryland Baptist said. "It will probably be easier for the convention and Mr. Bullman if he doesn't show up again at the SBC annual meeting for the next 12 years."

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presentation made by Baptist students, with the Michigan Baptist Advocate calling the presentation "without a doubt one of the highlights of the convention."

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Way urged all Baptists including the boards, agencies and pastors, to "proceed to major on majors. We need to unite in a spirit of deep humility, relying upon the power of the Holy Spirit to reverse our downward trends"

The Illinois Baptist cautioned future Conventions against becoming so wrapped up in internal affairs that they are unaware of what is happening in the rest of the world. As an example, the editorial pointed to the need for penal reforms as the county jail located just across the street from the meeting hall for the convention.

The Louisiana Baptist Message concluded by looking to the convention next year in Philadelphia, "where hangs the liberty bell." The editor observed that "the crack in the bell is real, as is the crack in Southern Baptist fellowship. Who knows," the editorial asked, "there could be a rebirth of liberty (soul liberty in Philadelphia). Soul liberty has always been a hallmark among Baptists. The day it dies, Southern Baptists will be come passe."

Church Insurance Guide Updated

NEW YORK, May 24 — A revised edition of "A Guide to Property & Liability Insurance on Churches" has just been published by the Insurance Information Institute.

The handbook, produced for the use of the clergy and laymen who are responsible for the management of churches and church properties, is designed as a guide to a complete church insurance program and to assist governing bodies of churches in their maintenance and safety programs.

Features include descriptions of property and liability insurance coverages and "package plans," loss prevention tips and an inspection checklist.

"The possibility of insurance coverage being inadequate as a result of rising construction costs, increasing property values and other factors makes frequent reviews of insurance requirements a virtual necessity for the prudent church 'management,'" the Institute notes in the Foreword.

Single copies are available without charge from the Insurance Information Institute, 110 William Street, New York, N. Y. 10038. In quantity, the Guide may be obtained from the Institute at the rate of 60 cents a copy.



SEVEN HONORS GO TO ONE SENIOR—Dr. Harold Fisher, left, President, Blue Mountain College, and Rev. Roy Colum, Secretary of Evangelism, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, extend congratulations to Shirley Mohundro. (Mr. Colum was in Blue Mountain to preach the baccalaureate sermon.) In the history of Blue Mountain, 1970-71, on Awards Day she received the R. W. Griffith History Award; and the Joyce Elaine Campbell Memorial Award for being chosen by members of faculty and staff as one who best exemplifies the qualities of Christian integrity, unselfish understanding of others, and sincere love for SBC. She received the Florence Connally Tyler and Mary Lewis Walters Award and the Nettie Courtney Parin Award for being chosen by the student body as one most naturally exemplifying the spirit of leadership, enthusiasm, patriotism, and for being selected as student who in judgment of the faculty best typified the spirit and educational ideals of Blue Mountain College. On the same day she received a certificate showing that she had been chosen for listing in "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." In April she was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board for two years service as a missionary to Kenya, Africa. After orientation at Ridgecrest, she will leave for Kenya in August.

Recent Events

In Our Colleges



COMMENCEMENT DIGNITARIES—Dr. James O. Eastland (seated left), senior senator from Mississippi, delivered the address to the 145th graduating class of Mississippi College. Dr. Larry G. Rohrman, pastor of First Church, Jackson, delivered the baccalaureate sermon. Others participating on the program were, standing from the left, Dr. Jack Lyall, chairman of the Division of Fine Arts; Dr. Lewis Nobles, President of Mississippi College; Dr. Charles Martin, vice-president for Academic Affairs; Rev. Odell Bell of Petersburg, Ill., delivered the invocation; and Rev. Guy A. Little of Crystal Springs, the benediction. (M. C. Photo by Bill Strange)



OFFICERS OF FACULTY WIVES AT MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE—seated (l to r) Mrs. Norman Gough, Vice-President; Mrs. Charles Martin, President; Mrs. Prentiss Cox, Secretary; Standing (l to r) Mrs. C. D. Parks, Nursery Chairman; Mrs. R. H. Bourdene, Telephone Chairman; Mrs. Ted Smith, Publicity Chairman, and Mrs. B. B. Bradley Pope, Newcomer Chairman. (M. C. Photo by Bill Strange)



CELEBRATING GOLDEN REUNION—Members of the Class of 1921 were guest at Mississippi College's 145th commencement exercises at Jackson's City Auditorium Sunday afternoon. On hand to receive special Golden Anniversary diplomas in honor of their 50th years as alumni were: front row, right to left, Robert Gandy, Jackson; George Edward Williams, Olive Branch; Glynn Baxter Edwards, Anniston, Ala.; Baylus Richard Arlinton, Clinton; Colonel Gene Calvin Flemming, Jackson; Rev. Jodie C. Wells, New Orleans, La.; (back row, right to left) Major Cyrus McDaniel, Clinton; W. J. Parks, Cleveland; John S. Riser, Jackson; George W. Patterson, Austin, Texas; Mantell Augustus Green, Grenville; John Porter Neal, Waco, Texas; and Dr. Lewis Nobles, President of Mississippi College. (M. C. Photo by Bill Strange)



BUILDING DEDICATED—Wylie Fairchild (center) wields scissors to officially open the new Fairchild Education and Psychology Building during commencement activities at William Carey College. The building is named for his father, the late W. R. Fairchild. Pictured are, from left: Dr. J. Ralph Noonester, president of Carey; Bruce Aultman, chairman of trustees; Mrs. W. R. Fairchild, widow of the man for whom the building was named; Wylie Fairchild, member of Carey board of trustees; Dr. Percy Reeves, chairman of Dept. of Education and Psychology; and Dr. Joseph M. Ernest, academic vice-president. A portrait of W. R. Fairchild also was unveiled as part of the building dedication ceremony.



BMC MINISTERIAL ALUMNI MEET—At Blue Mountain College the second ministerial alumni meeting in the history of the college met with 85 attending. Elected to the trusteeship for 1971-72: Front Row, Rev. David Poe, president; Dr. James L. Travis, director; and Rev. Arlin Richardson, vice-president; back row, Rev. Jerry Stevens, member-at-large; Rev. Tommy Vinson, member-at-large; Rev. Milton Koon, member-at-large; Rev. Ronny Mitchell, secretary-treasurer. Raising scholarship funds for Christian education for young ministers and dedicated young women is the primary purpose of the organization.

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EDITORIAL

Further Thoughts About St. Louis

Bylaw 16

Nothing caused quite as much confusion in St. Louis as bylaw 16 of the convention constitution. This bylaw relates to the handling of motions which concern "boards, institutions, commissions and standing committees," and the last sentence reads: "Any motion or resolution affecting any such agency or institution, which is not included in its printed report, shall, when presented before the Convention, be referred to the Executive Committee or to such other committees as the Convention may direct." Apparently, in the past, presiding officers have referred such items which the convention clearly wanted to discuss, to the Committee on Order of Business, and they were placed on the agenda for later discussion by the messengers. This year, however, a number of motions were referred to the Executive Committee. Several times these were matters which the originators did not want referred to any committee but desired convention discussion during the current session. This created confusion, and some frustration. The upshot was that a motion was passed for a restudy of this bylaw by the Executive Committee with the instruction that this be item 16 in the 1972 convention Executive Committee report.

It is clearly evident that this bylaw should be changed. We are certain that it was not the intent of those who wrote it, or of the convention which first approved it, that it be used to prevent discussion of issues which the messengers wanted considered. Yet, the bylaw is ambiguous enough that such rulings as were made this year are possible. Because of this it should be changed, and we feel confident that the Executive Committee will bring suggested changes that will clear it up. While some matters most certainly should be referred to committees for long and careful study, there are others which should be dealt with and settled during the convention in which they are brought up.

A "Cool" Convention

It was a "cool" convention. That was what many had been asking for and hoping for, and, perhaps, almost all had been praying for, and it was just that. One editor, Dr. John Hurt of Texas, has called it a "suppressed" convention, with most of the suppression brought about by the ruling on bylaw 16. After the Denver convention there were many criticisms of the anger and heat which developed on the floor during debate there. Actually, most of what happened there in the area of friction, was brought about by some parliamentary rulings which some messengers felt cut them off from saying what they wanted to say. The result was some "heat," and a time or two it was hardly Christian. It always is good in Baptist meetings, whether they be in the local congregation or in the large convention, to provide for full and free debate. Baptists usually can talk themselves together, or the minority will accept the majority decision when full discussion has been allowed. After the experiences of New Orleans and Denver there was a determination on the part of leaders to prevent recurrence of the "heat" which developed there. This was successfully done in St. Louis through the work of the program committee, the officiating of the officers, and the restraint on the part of the messengers. Dr. Bates did an outstanding job in his fairness to every person who wanted to speak, but he was firm in not allowing emotions to be aroused through hand-clapping, and he did not allow unkink or offensive remarks to be made from the floor. The convention was so calm that sometimes it was almost flat. Nevertheless, a good spirit prevailed, and even though there was division of opinion, it was in Christian love.

Convention Presidents

The job of being president of the Southern Baptist Convention hardly is one to be coveted, even though it is one of the highest honors which the convention can bestow upon one of its constituents. Being chosen for the position means that for two whole years (under our practice of reelecting a man for a second term) the elected person is kept busy serving the whole convention. He attends an almost unending number of meetings. He is upon constant call to speak in churches and at other gatherings. He has heavy correspondence and a limitless number of phone calls. He has to help plan, and then direct, the convention sessions. Presiding at business sessions of the convention can become quite an arduous task in itself.

Doctrinal Reader

A motion to eliminate the position of Doctrinal Reader at the Sunday School Board was referred to the Executive Committee for study and report at the next convention. This position was cre-

ated by the Sunday School Board to give some assistance to the effort to make all curriculum materials true to the Bible and acceptable to the constituency. From the time of the appointment there has been some opposition to the position, but Dr. Sullivan made clear that the person holding the position is not a censor, but simply seek to help keep error and generally unacceptable teachings from appearing in the materials. He is something of an advisor to editors and writers and does not have authority over them. Dr. Leo Edidleman, trusted Southern Baptist theologian and leader, was chosen for the post and has been serving since last October, although for much of that period his service has been somewhat limited by serious back surgery. The Executive Committee should bring this motion back to the convention with a recommendation that it be voted down. This position is needed by the Sunday School Board. At a time when so many questions are being raised concerning the literature, and so many protests being made concerning materials being included in it, a wise, experienced leader, who is familiar both with Baptist doctrinal positions and Baptist people, is needed to help keep the materials properly balanced. This is not an unusual position, since we know of another major publisher of church curriculum materials, which has used such a "doctrinal editor" for a number of years. This motion to eliminate this position should be killed.

Agency Reports

One of the important parts of conventions through the years has been agency reports. During the past convention or two, however, they have been crowded out of the program, by the brevity of the convention as a whole, and by the press of convention business. It seems to us that this is a mistake. When agencies of the convention serve the convention year after year, and their work entails the expenditure of millions of dollars of the convention's funds, there should be time for them to do more than merely say, "Our report is found on page so and so of the convention Book of Reports." We are not suggesting long, dragged out reports, nor the reading of the materials which are in the printed book. However, reports of agencies can be made interesting and challenging to the convention audience. An example is the mission night programs which vary from year to year, and reports such as that visual one made by the seminaries at the St. Louis meeting. Also we remember outstanding reports from the Sunday School Board, the Radio and Television Commission, and other agencies in years past. These reveal that agency reports can be made inspirational, and that they are needed. We hope that next year's program committee will find time for more of them.

Inspirational Messages

Another casualty of the shorter convention session was inspirational messages. For some years these were relegated to the last hour of long convention business sessions, and often the audience left. The last year or two they practically have been eliminated. It seems to us that some of the great inspiration of the convention is lost when we do not have any time for some great preaching. Certainly, we recognize that there is inspiration in the extra-convention meetings such as the Pastor's Conference, and the WMU Convention, but somehow we feel that something is missing when we do not have time for more inspiration in the regular sessions. We have some great preachers among Southern Baptists and some of them can stir the hearts of our people. Perhaps nothing is more needed right now in Southern Baptist life. We do not know how it can be done, but would hope that when we meet in Philadelphia, that room will be made for some of our great preachers simply to stand up and preach. They may prepare us to handling convention business in a better manner, and they might send us home with our hearts on fire to do greater things for God. And if they are used, why put them at the end of long sessions when everybody has left?

Briefs

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention could not have found a more able leader than Mr. OWEN S. COOPER, Mississippi industrialist and Christian leader, who was chosen as chairman of that body as a whole, and by the press of convention business. It seems to us that this is a mistake. When agencies of the convention serve the convention year after year, and their work entails the expenditure of millions of dollars of the convention's funds, there should be time for them to do more than merely say, "Our report is found on page so and so of the convention Book of Reports." We are not suggesting long, dragged out reports, nor the reading of the materials which are in the printed book. However, reports of agencies can be made interesting and challenging to the convention audience. An example is the mission night programs which vary from year to year, and reports such as that visual one made by the seminaries at the St. Louis meeting. Also we remember outstanding reports from the Sunday School Board, the Radio and Television Commission, and other agencies in years past. These reveal that agency reports can be made inspirational, and that they are needed. We hope that next year's program committee will find time for more of them.

NEWEST BOOKS

THE QUIET REVOLUTION by Gary Henley (Creation House, 222 pp., \$3.95) The subtitle is "The Recovery of New Testament Christianity in Our Day." The author makes a survey of change which is being seen everywhere in the Christian movements of our day. He calls attention to the modern day movement toward the deepening of the spiritual as seen in laymen, youth groups, preachers, and even in churches. He sees the power of God filling lives and groups and changing the world thereby. This book will startle you and perhaps upset you, but it may open the way for a revolution in your own life. The author shows how this spiritual revolution can change, not only individuals, but also the churches.

PLEASE PLAN A PROGRAM by Amy Bolding (Baker, paperback, \$1.95, 26 pp.).

Here are 23 programs covering many subjects. Each is slanted toward involvement by the audience—a challenge to witnessing to thanksgiving, to more consecrated living.

"I HAVE NO GREATER JOY THAN TO HEAR THAT MY CHILDREN WALK IN TRUTH."



THE FATHER-SON WALK

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Expresses Hope That Gulfshore Will One Day Function Again

Dear Dr. Odle:

This is in regard to an article in the March 25 issue of the Baptist Record in regard to the use of Gulfshore Baptist Assembly before it was destroyed. (I started this reply on April 8th).

I would just like to say that maybe some of the churches were not using the Assembly because they could not get reservations. I belong to Greenwood, First and I know of two different occasions when our Music Department tried to make reservations but could not because they were filled to capacity.

I thought Gulfshore Baptist Assembly was just like a little bit of heaven on earth. The beautiful white sand on such a private location was wonderful. There is not another place like it for Baptists anywhere in the United States. I love being a Baptist and I think it is wonderful to be able to relax and study in a place of our own. It was wonderful as a vacation spot for families. How nice it was not to have it sit around a pool in an atmosphere of beer cans and drunks.

One of the marvelous things about Gulfshore was that it offered opportunity for employment in a Christian atmosphere for young people. This is an opportunity that is so necessary and important at an age when our young people cannot find employment elsewhere. (I know because I own an employment agency).

Parents go home and work all summer at Gulfshore because they know they are being supervised by older Christians. They do not have that security when they allow their children to work in state parks.

The firsthand reports that I have received from my children on the state parks are that they are dirty and not very inspiring. I hope that Gulfshore Baptist Assembly at Pass Christian will one day function again, even if it has to start with tents and campers, and pre-fabricated buildings.

Carolyn Peebles Ellis (Mrs.)
Box 932
Greenwood, Mississippi



A Woman's World Reaches Far
Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

Aren't you about tired of hearing people, especially author people and speaker people, tell us the world is changing? It takes no special revelation to a speaker, and certainly no detailed interpretation to a person of even below-average intelligence to figure that out. Anyone who's old enough to be sent to the corner store for a nickel's worth of lemons found out the world changed while he was on his way to the corner. The corner store was gone, and at the supermarket occupying the block, one lemon was a nickel's worth.

Of course, a few brainy, research-type writers and speakers, when they're talking about how the world is changing, get technical and impressive in their statistics about such things as how long it would take six leprechauns to slide down the top side of a laser beam. I'm just joshing — I know a laser beam is square and you can't slide down one. Seriously, I really do know you can't even see a laser beam.

Every person has faced changes. There I go, telling you the world's changing. I suspect every mother in every age has felt the same frustrations you and I feel. Probably every one felt her time in history gave her family—the hardest time every. And she was more than likely right.

Occasionally I envy Timothy's life for our boys. From here it looks as if life had to be so simple then — no drugs, no dirty movies, and no... (I'm not even sure what social mores).

But then I wonder what changes Eunice and Lois worried about when Timothy was a boy wandering around in his town. Whatever the problems of youth were in Timothy's day, I'm sure Eunice and Lois felt pressure as great for them as we feel for today.

Knowing boys, I expect Timothy begged for his own camel or chariot or something—maybe like sailing out to cyprus with the boys after graduation.

busy." If you're not too busy to have a kid, then there's no possible alibi for being so busy you can't give him the friendship and counsel he has a right to expect. In parenthood, NO MAN is too busy. He's either disorganized or he doesn't care. And if you do allow yourself to be that preoccupied, I can tell you how the child will read it. He will see it as rejection.

EDUCATION what's happening

Dr. Walter Adams, acting president of Michigan State University, answered a questionnaire on the requisites for a college president this way:

"He must have the wisdom of Solomon, the patience of Job, the strength of Hercules, the constitution of an ox, the energy of a beaver, the leadership of Moses and the charisma of Christ—besides a distinguished military and administrative record."

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A Tribute To Christian Fathers

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

I wanted to write a tribute to all the great men who have been and are Christian fathers. This short article is an attempt to express gratitude and honor to all of them. It is an inadequate attempt. Yet I hope that these memories of my own will help to reawaken in the mind of you, the reader, the many wonderful characteristics of your own father, and that this week and next Sunday, and, in fact, every day, you will remember to "Honour your father . . . that thy days may be long . . .".

I really don't know very much about other fathers, but I do know about my own. And with a giant-sized portion of love, I dedicate this article to my father, a Baptist deacon.

In all my life I cannot remember a time, even when I was a teen-ager, that I was really angry with him. Though I am sure I have many times

Magee Elected National President, N. O. Alumni

Dr. Robert (Bob) Magee, pictured pastor of Temple Church, Ruston, La., was elected national president of the New Orleans Alumni during the recent meeting of the group at the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis.

Dr. Magee is a native of Collins, Mississippi, a graduate of Mississippi College and of New Orleans Seminary, and received the Th.D. degree from the latter. He is immediate past president of Louisiana's New Orleans seminary Alumni. In Mississippi, he was formerly pastor of Puckett Church; First Church, Carthage; and Mt. Moriah, Lincoln County.

GHANA: An epidemic of meningitis and several snake bites have contributed to a heavy patient load at the Baptist Medical Center in this country's northern city of Nalerigu. The hospital staff treated over 10,500 patients during the first quarter of this year. Suguri Abdulai, the hospital's office clerk, was among seven persons baptized on Easter Sunday at the Nalerigu Baptist Church.

Graham Crusade Set For California

OAKLAND, Calif. (EP)—A committee for the Northern California Billy Graham Crusade announces that preparations are underway for the meeting to be held July 23 to Aug. 1, 1971 in the Oakland Coliseum.

"In many ways the crusade will be more challenging than the Southern California crusade," according to an announcement by the committee. "All the problems of society seem to have intensified in the last two years since the 1969 Anaheim crusade."

Retired Minister Builds Own Home; Always A Worker, He Has Never Quit!

By J. Clark Hensley

Dr. Grover Cleveland Hodge retired from the active ministry in 1962, so they say, but not according to reports from Ocean Springs where, since his "retirement," he has designed and built their home (doing all the work except the foundation, plumbing, roofing and brick work); built kindergarten and church library furniture, signs, chalkboards and lecterns; designed and built many special teacher's desks (Teacher, be seated!); and built another boat! He has built eight boats since he went to Gulfport in 1931. One boat was stolen, two were lost in hurricanes, one was left when they moved to Houston, and the others were worn out by the family and a host of R.A.'s and G.A.'s. Fishing is good in the Gulf and Dr. and Mrs. Hodge are still among those who don't have to tell about the ones that got away. They still bring them in.

Dr. Hodge has had an illustrious, though unheralded, career as a minister — mostly in Mississippi. He served as Mississippi Baptists' first Stewardship and Budget Secretary from 1927-31, when the position was discontinued because of the depression. Immediately he was called to the First Baptist Church of Biloxi, without his knowledge. He had been there assisting the church in setting up a budget. He served Biloxi until 1935. From 1935-1962 he was pastor of the First Baptist Church of San Jacinto, Texas. Members of this congregation, upon his retirement and learning he was planning to build his home, gave him all sorts of building tools and equipment.

Dr. Hodge's story is a victorious repeat of how God moves through a dedicated life. He was born in Silver City, Mississippi, the youngest of 14 children, 10 of whom died of malaria. When Cleveland was eight, after his father had been killed by a runaway team, the mother and the four remaining children moved to a delta farm near Belzoni. Converted at nine years of age, he joined the Four-Mile Lake Baptist Church.

In 1908 the family moved to Long

Beach to do vegetable farming and he became one of the charter members of the First Baptist Church of Long Beach. Here, as he finished his high school work, he, along with a Presbyterian girl, Alma Simmons, organized a youth fellowship and study group and took active interest in revivals held in the coastal area. About the time he finished high school, a retired minister from Gulfport, Dr. Grace, made a special trip to Long Beach to relate that in a vision or a dream God had told him to "tell Cleveland Hodge I appoint him as a minister of the Gospel." This unique visit sealed the impression he had already that God was indeed calling him to preach.

In the fall of 1918, with \$5.00 in hand, Cleveland presented himself to Dr. Provine at Mississippi College as a prospective ministerial student. Upon inquiring about a job to pay his way, he was told that all jobs were taken and was advised to return home. He stayed — working at a task formerly assigned to a servant to help pay for his room and board. Although he sought to borrow money from friends and relatives, he came to examination time without his tuition being paid and faced a regulation requiring tuition payment prior to exams to receive credit. On the morning of the first examination he arose at 4:00 a.m. to study. When the Post Office opened, he went for the mail and found a letter with three ten dol-

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SCRAPBOOK

A Father's Day Prayer

By General Douglas MacArthur

Build me a son, O Lord, who will be strong enough to know when he is weak, and brave enough to face himself when he is afraid; one who will be proud and unbending in honest defeat, and humble and gentle in victory.

Build me a son whose wisdom will not be where his backbone should be; a son who will know Thee—and that to know himself is the foundation stone of knowledge.

Lead him, I pray, not in the path of ease and comfort, but under the stress and spur of difficulties and challenge. Here let him learn to stand up in the storm; here let him learn compassion for those who fall.

Build me a son whose heart will be clear, whose goal will be high; a son who will master himself before he seeks to master other men; one who will learn to laugh, yet never forget how to weep; one who will reach into the future, yet never forget the past.

And after all these things are his, add, I pray, enough of a sense of humor, so that he may always be serious yet never take himself too seriously. Give him humility, so that he may always remember the simplicity of true greatness, the open mind of true wisdom, the weakness of true strength.

Then, I, his father, will dare to whisper, "I have not lived in vain."

—The Young Soldier

Father's Day

Father's Day was first celebrated in 1910 in Spokane, Washington, at the urging of a Mrs. John Dodd. She wished to honor her father, William Smart, for the devotion with which he had reared six motherless children.

Head Of The Household

The Bible makes every day Father's Day. It gives every father special responsibilities every day, and assigns him a place to be respected by every member of the family — by his wife as well as by sons and daughters. "Listen to your father who fathered you" is good Biblical advice. "Listen" means "obey." By divine arrangement father has been made head of the household, a position not to be taken lightly by anyone, and certainly not by father himself.

A Serpent's Tooth

"How sharper than a serpent's tooth is an ungrateful child!" — Shakespeare, "King Lear"

Verse For The Week

Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.—Romans 13:7

lege. I was dreadfully homesick. And one day when I received a card from Daddy saying that he was planting peas, I cried for hours! I knew that he was planting them to sell at a farmers' market, a Saturday trip he made in addition to all his other work. All this, I thought, just to help send me through college!

Though short and small in stature, he is the tallest man I have ever known. The long shadow of his influence reaches far beyond the county where he has always lived, in lives that have along the way been touched by him.

They who have used the office of a deacon well, purchase to themselves a good degree and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus. He has purchased himself "a good degree" and I am very proud

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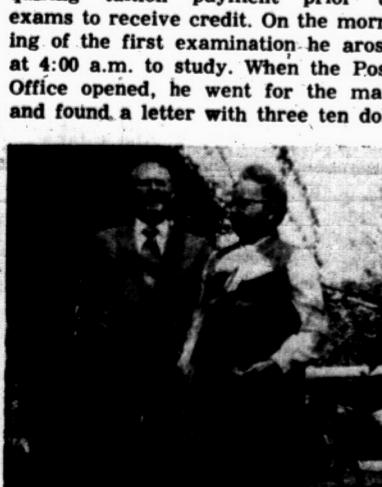
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The house that Hodge built.

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The gifts to Home Missions Week of Prayer are listed through May 31 with 1638 churches participating. At that time total gifts amounted to \$260,148.68.

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The Prophet Micah Is Called "The Champion Of The Poor"

By Clifton J. Allen

Micah 2 and 3
Micah was a contemporary of Isaiah. We have no evidence, however, of a direct relationship between them. Isaiah's ministry was in Jerusalem. Micah was from the country, from Moreaboth near Gath. The time of his ministry was likely about 725-700 B. C. Hence, his ministry likely began before the downfall of Samaria in 721 B. C. and likely continued until near the time of Sennacherib's invasion in 701 B.C. Micah has been called the champion of the poor. He was heavily burdened for the economic injustice inflicted on poor and defenseless persons. A central theme of his prophecy is the divine summons to judgment. Even so, the light of God's mercy shone

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

through the warnings of judgment with the assurance of God's willingness to forgive a repentant people.

The Lesson Explained
People Given Over To Sin
Verses 2:1-3, 8-9

Micah paints a realistic picture, and it is very dark. The people generally were completely given over to sin, so much so that they spent sleepless nights devising evil and wickedness and waiting impatiently for a new day to come when they could perform deeds of iniquity. They were constantly seeking to discover new ways of wicked practice, either in self-indulgence and dissipation or in wrongdoing toward other persons. Micah speaks particularly of their bent toward covetousness, and we may well conclude that greed for lands and houses, for profit and pleasure, made the people insensitive to the hardship and privation forced upon the poor by extortion and oppression. They were willing to rob a person of his inheritance, which was considered sacred and inviolate for a family. So given over to covetousness were some of the people that they were heartless and cruel to the extent of tearing the clothes from the backs of fellow Israelites and treating them as though God's face is hidden. Persons who should be women from their homes and robbed helpless children.

Rulers In Love With Evil
Verses 3:1-3

The rulers and leaders, above all, should have been concerned for the cause of justice. Instead, they were heartless and corrupt, hating what was good and loving what was evil. The measure of their wickedness is described by the prophet when he says that the rulers were as ravenous as wild beasts; they were acting like cannibals, tearing the skin from the people, eating their flesh, and crushing out their life.

Verse 4 emphasizes the fact that the

fire of judgment will fall. God will act but he will not respond to the cry of such wicked rulers and such greed-possessed individuals as those described by Micah. God's holiness requires that he act in judgment. Those who have spurned his warnings will suffer the consequences of their wickedness. Then it will seem to them as though God's face is hidden; persons who should be the guardians of justice, but who instead become the arch-perpetrators of injustice, will experience the terrible consequences of the severe but righteous punishment of God.

Champion Of The Poor
Micah was God's called spokesman to bring the indictment of God against the people who prospered through iniquity and to declare the compassionate concern of God for the people who were victims of the greed and cruelty of others. The prophecy of

W. Salem Homecoming
The annual homecoming at West Salem Church in Greene County will be held on Sunday, June 20. All former pastors and members are invited.

Micah is preserved in the Scriptures as a message from God to his people down the ages. It is thus a declaration of the word of God to our present generation. This generation is likewise marked by economic extremes, some very rich and many very poor. Not all who are rich are guilty of injustice, for many persons with wealth are generous and compassionate. Many who are poor are responsible for their own poverty. But the fact remains that greed and covetousness produce injustice and that injustice produces heartless and agonizing poverty. Micah's message should challenge Christians to work and pray

REVIVAL RESULTS

Trinity Church, Biloxi; May 17-23; Evangelist Larry Taylor; 85 professions of faith; six letters transferred; many other personal decisions made by Christians; Rev. J. Lester Hawkins, pastor.

Congress passed act on June 15, 1924, making all native-born Indians full U.S. citizens.

SAFETY RECORD
Thursday, June 17, 1971

that ways may be found for love and sharing that the purpose of God for human well-being may be widely realized in the earth.

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in 721 B. C. and likely continued until near the time of Sennacherib's invasion in 701 B.C. Micah has been called the champion of the poor. He was heavily burdened for the economic injustice inflicted on poor and defenseless persons. A central theme of his prophecy is the divine summons to judgment. Even so, the light of God's mercy shone

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

Jeremiah Reveals An Optimistic Faith

Jeremiah 32

By Bill Duncan

When is the best time to purchase property and make plans for the future? Is it when the city is encamped around your city and you are in prison? Jeremiah was a man who had a great father in God, and his action bears out his belief in what God was going to do. Jeremiah had been put in prison because the king Zedekiah had protested against the gloomy predictions of the prophet. The conditions brought a gloomy outlook to life. The great army of the Chaldeans was encamped, besieging the holy city. The large portion of Jeremiah 32 and 33 contains the prophet's answer to the protest of the king. Jeremiah did not withdraw any of the peril that awaited Judah but he did tell a prophecy of ultimate restoration and return for the people.

To show his faith he tells of the purchase of land. A piece of property was available to him because of family rights. When he purchased the land and signed the deed and secured it for the future, he said a prayer: "To God as Creator, nothing is too hard." His power had been seen in the history of his people and in the judgment of the hour for the presence of the Chaldeans outside Jerusalem, for they were a demonstration of the power and the persistence of His government.

Why did God want the prophet to buy the property? It was an act of faith. The future was not such as to encourage prosperity. But "faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Heb. 11:1). Faith is never fanatical. The picture of faith is according to the light of God's work. When this is accomplished, faith is reasonable, and accurate.

To the average man in our church, this act of buying land is not reasonable, but God instructed the prophet to so act. For years the prophet had been in fellowship with God. Jeremiah had been absolutely loyal; therefore the prophet was sensitive to the will and voice of God. God told him that his uncle would come and ask him to buy the field. Jeremiah "knew the impression was definite when circumstances ratified the impression." To the man who will be guided into acts of faith, he will need to wait for the verifying circumstances that will make certain the spiritual impressions.

Faith is never fanatical. Look at the fact that Jeremiah took in the purchase of the field. He made sure the legal work was carried out. The deed is a sign of care. Too often we are

tempted to do things in a foolhardy way. But to Jeremiah faith is legal and faith is accurate.

The optimistic faith is reasonable. It is not the cleverness of politicians who forecast the issue not by the clear mechanical vision of how God was going to return the people to their home land, but the fact that God said it would happen caused him to buy the land. Faith is never irrational. It is always based upon reason. The moment you speak of faith you admit doubt. It is the man who believes nothing, who had no doubt and no difficulty.

Why did it appear then that he was optimistic? He said nothing about his doubt. God commands, and I do not see how this is going to be but I obey. That is faith taking the risk, making the venture, daring everything upon the word of God. But faith according to G. Campbell Morgan will always ask its questions to God in a secret place.

The reply that God gave him was something like this. You are perfectly right in expressing your doubts. "Then God admitted to him into the deep and profound secret of the fact that presently through all this turmoil and strife, there would grow out a branch out of the root, there would come one who would be king and priest exercising authority and mediating, so that there would be able to enter into the realization of the meaning of the divine government."

The trouble we face so often is that we proclaim our doubts to our friends, and they cannot help. It is to God that we should speak. By honest inquiry we create the opportunity for confirmatory revelation. This must always be personal.

The purchase of the property is the cooperation with God that is essential to a healthy faith. Faith in God is so real that every opportunity is

in relation to God.

Life appears to be hopeless without faith. "God never has enough men and women who face life with strength and stability because of unswerving inner faith that breeds a relentless optimism." The church today needs some people who are optimistic about its future. The youth need some people to have faith in them that they will invest their lives in working with them. Our Christian life is existing when faith is sure.

Mississippi Man Graduates From Golden Gate

MILL VALLEY, Calif. — Sammy J. Pitts, of Waynesboro, Miss., was among some 60 students graduated from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary during its 23rd annual commencement exercises on Tuesday, June 8. Pitts was awarded the master of divinity (M. Div.) degree. His wife, the former Miss Jacqueline McMillen, of Santa Rosa, was also awarded the M. Div. degree in the ceremonies at Golden Gate. Mr. and Mrs. Pitts are graduates of California Baptist College, Riverside.

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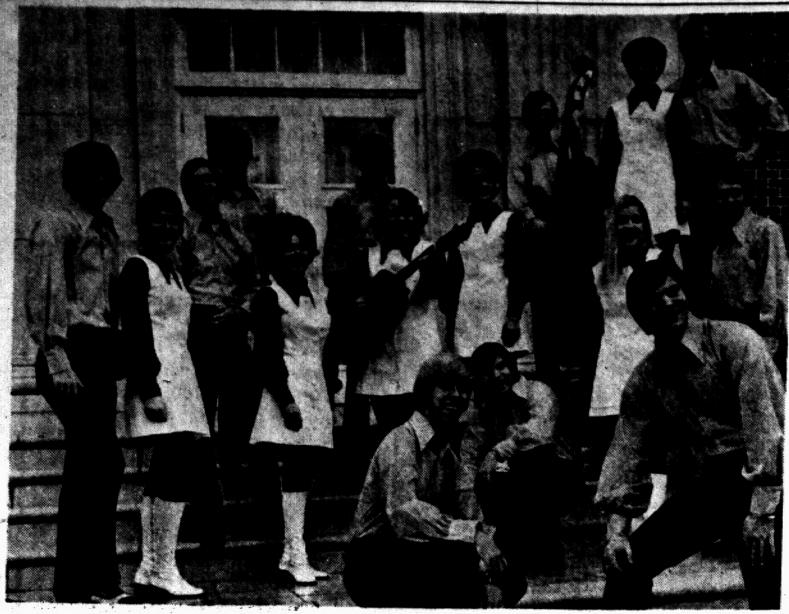
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MC "Naturals" Sing In St. Louis
The Miss. College "Naturals" provided entertainment at the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference during the banquet, Friday, June 4, 6:15 P.M., Holiday Inn North, in St. Louis, Mo.

13 Choctaw Boys At Garaywa Make Professions Of Faith

For three years a Bible teacher, Dr. John F. Carter, and the Clarke College BSU director, J. B. Costilow, have driven to the Indian Center in Philadelphia and taught Bible and Christian leadership to a fine group of Choctaws.

Last year the Clarke Religious Education Department, directed by Dr. C. H. Melton, sponsored a youth program each Wednesday night. Student Ann Harrell, Sidon, and student Ellen Myers, Morton, led in the planning and promotion. Their programs included Bible study, music and social

activities.

Last week the definite "pay off" was noted. It happened like this: The camp for Choctaw teenage boys was held at Camp Garaywa from Friday, June 4 to Monday, June 7. Forty-four boys, ages 8-15, attended. J. B. Costilow, served as camp pastor. Six or more other outstanding leaders with Director Dolton Haggard worked with the youth.

Then came the climax — high and holy. When Mr. Costilow brought the closing sermon and gave an invitation there were 13 professions of faith and eight rededications!!

Revival Dates

Paris (Lafayette): June 16-18; Rev. Roy Marshall, Oxford, evangelist; Rev. Al Duval, pastor; services, at 7 p.m.

Pinecrest Chapel, Pascagoula: June 20-27; Rev. W. R. Wyser, pastor, evangelist; Lamar Callahan, singer; services on Sundays at the usual hours and during the week at 7:30 p.m.

Devotional

"God's Search For A Man"

By Dr. Ira D. Eavenson, pastor emeritus, First, Marks

Ezekiel 22:30 — "And I sought for a man among them that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before Me for the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found none."

How tragic this was in the life of the nation of Israel is revealed on the pages of history! What about our own times and about America? God brought our nation into being that here His Word might have its best opportunity to produce moral character and be His lighthouse of truth for the world. Dark days of departure from the truth are upon us. The tides of unrighteousness, immorality, and sins of every kind are threatening our foundations. God is searching for men to "stand in the gap" and through them sound forth the call to moral living and build a society in which He is honored. They are to be spokesmen for God, His representatives with varied assignments, calling on men to "know the way of the Lord and walk therein."

The Bible tells us of ordinary men from varied walks of life, commissioned for special service, doing great exploits for God. They often faced impossible situations, viewed from the human side, but, as God worked through them, miracles took place. Some thundered their messages from the mountaintops, others from temple courts, in king's palaces, in private homes and in desert places. High standards of spiritual worship were lifted up and the application of God's laws to daily living was emphasized.

As we read Bible history we marvel that God used men for this service when angels were at His command. Some of the most notable used by Him in working out His plans were far from perfect and the flaws in their characters marred the completeness of their witness. But God made man a free moral agent and His purpose is to produce moral character. He knew that the finest results would be produced by the proclamation of His truth by "one of their brethren."

Jesus told the story of the rich man in hell begging Abraham to send Lazarus, who had also died, back to warn his brothers, saying that they would believe if one went back to them from the dead. But Jesus said, "They have Moses and the prophets." So in our day, we have the successors to Isaiah, Amos, Hosea, Micah and others commissioned to warn that men flee the wrath to come and to know the way of the Lord and walk therein.

This is a great age in which to live. Science has laid at our feet its inventions, bringing comforts and luxuries such as no other generation has enjoyed, and has provided the means by which even the most remote areas of the world may be challenged by the Word of the Lord. But never has there been a time when sin has been more devastating. The stench of moral decay rises to high heaven. The drunken orgies, the political corruption and the lethargy of those who subscribe to higher things rival the evils that prevailed in Babylon and Rome before God's wrath was visited upon them.

God is still saying, "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?" Death silenced the voice of Isaiah and Amos, but not until they had delivered His message, and God has preserved for us what He said through them, so that we may capture the thundering call to righteousness and His deep yearning for the return to Him of His wayward children.

God is still looking for men. Someone rather facetiously said, "God looked for Adam and found him under a bush making an apron out of fig leaves. He found Noah stretched out in his tent drunk. He found David on a roof-top—a peeping-tom, planning adultery. He found Elijah, asleep under a juniper tree, after his flight from an angered Jezebel." But the important thing for us to note is that God found them, redeemed them, and gave them a commission.

It is interesting to see that God calls busy men to deliver His message. Moses was watching his father-in-law's sheep in the desert. Elisha was plowing his field. Isaiah was worshipping in the temple. Peter, James, and John were fishing which was their regular occupation. Matthew was in his office collecting taxes. Deborah was a busy housewife and Lydia was a merchant selling imported materials. Thus we can well see that God is no respecter of persons, nor is there any particular spot where His summons is to be heard. Materialism, worldliness, sex, moral corruption, and political anarchy hold the world in their grasp. Apathy, carelessness, indifference, and weakness threaten the church with defeat. But our situation is not hopeless, for the Mighty God, our loving Father, is still on His throne.

Names In The News

Rev. and Mrs. Hal B. Lee Jr., missionaries, were scheduled to leave France May 24 for furlough in the States (address: Rt. 4, Box 40, Pascagoula Miss. 39067). Lee was born in Ruston, La., and lived in several Mississippi towns while growing up. Mrs. Lee, the former Lou Ann Green, was born in Independence, La., and also lived in Prentiss, Poplarville and Pascagoula, Miss., while growing up.

Dr. and Mrs. L. Byron Harbin, missionaries to Brazil who have completed language study, may be addressed after June 1 at Caixa 30250, Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo, Brazil. Mrs. Harbin is the former Dora Dunkley of McLean, Miss.

Milton Van West, pictured, was licensed on May 16 to the full gospel ministry by Macedonia Church, Brookhaven, Rev. Emerson T. Edder, Jr., pastor. Milton is a 1970 graduate of Brookhaven High School and is a freshman at Copiah-Lincoln Junior College.

He is active in all church work, and is serving as President of the Lincoln County Associational Youth Organization. He is also a member of the executive council of the Copiah-Lincoln Baptist Student Union.

Danny Cook has just accepted the position of minister of music and youth at Noxapater Church, Noxapater. He is a 1971 graduate of William Carey College. He is married to the former Sandi Lott of McHenry. The son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Cook of Tupelo, he was ordained to the ministry by the Harrisburg Church, Tupelo.

Miss Mary Alice Ditsworth, missionary, was scheduled to leave Indonesia about May 25, arriving about June 10 for furlough in the States (address:



Rev. and Mrs. E. T. Buckley, missionaries, were scheduled to leave Pakistan on May 21 for short furlough in the States (address: Rt. 2, Box 102, Picayune, Miss. 39063). Buckley is a native of Picayune; Mrs. Buckley, the former Frances Goyne, was born in Port Gibson, Miss., but spent much of her childhood in Maringouin, La.

Rev. Orvel E. Hooker, pastor of First Church, Byram, has been appointed as a member of the Hinds County Board of Education to succeed John L. Helden who transferred from District five to District Four.

Mr. Hooker is a graduate of Ouachita College and Temple University. A former high school teacher, he served as professor of speech at Hinds Junior College 1964-65 and at Millsaps College 1965-70. While at Millsaps he coached the debate team which won more than 50 trophies under his guidance and included six Mississippi champion debaters. Mr. Hooker is married to the former Helen Nepper and they have a son and daughter in the Byram public schools.

Larry Van Neste of Memphis will direct the athletic program and teach health and physical education at Clarke College, beginning July 1. A graduate of Clarke and Christian Brothers College, he has done graduate work at Memphis State. As coach at Westside High School, Memphis, he led the Westside baseball team to win the city championship in 1970 and 1971. The 1971 team went on to win the championship of West Tennessee District and Mr. Van Neste was voted the District Coach of the year. He is married to the former Barbara Hannah, also a graduate of Clarke. They have two sons. Mrs. Van Neste will be residence advisor in the Women's Residence Hall; the family will live in the apartment in this building.

Dr. Rex R. Pearce, a professor at Mississippi College for the past 23 years, shares a happy moment with his wife following a luncheon at the college at which he announced his retirement. In addition to his 23 years of teaching as professor of sociology and former chairman of the Division of Social Sciences, Dr. Pearce served as secretary of the faculty for that period of time. He and his wife, who also recently retired after 23 years with the Veterans Administration, will spend their time on their farm near Clinton and pursuing other hobbies. — (M. C. Photo by Joe Lee)

4610 Orchard Rd., Pascagoula, Miss. 39067). A native of Mississippi, Miss. Ditsworth was born in Lucedale and grew up in Pascagoula.

Due to a very successful radio program entitled "To Learn The Bible," the pastor Rev. Wm. Gary Smith, (pictured) announces that First Baptist Church of Carriere is sponsoring a television program for three Sundays (June 20 - July 4) by the same title.

The TV program will be over WLOX Television Station (Channel 13), in Biloxi every Sunday morning at 7:30 a. m. A question will be asked about the Bible each Sunday and the first person getting the correct answer will be invited to appear on the TV program the following Sunday to receive as a gift a new Bible.

Another part of the program will deal with memory work of passages of Scripture. When the program ends on July 4 a Bible and a one-hundred-dollar-bill or a Bible and a free trip to Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly in North Carolina with the young people of First Church, Carriere, will be given to the one who is able to quote the most of the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew Chapters 5-7). In the event more than one person is able to quote all of the Sermon on the Mount other passages will be given to determine the winner.

In addition to going to Ridgecrest, N. C., tentative plans call for Washington, D. C.; Niagara Falls, New York; and Canada.

Those interested in the TV program and desiring more information are invited to write the pastor, Rev. Wm. Gary Smith, P. O. Box 56, Carriere, Mississippi 39026.

What God Can Do



The face of Gikita, Auca Indian who took part in the slaying of five Christian missionaries in Ecuador in the mid-fifties, now radiates the peace of God. He will appear with missionary Rachel Saint, who led him to Christ, on the June 20 "Faith in Action" radio program, a production of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

Revival Dates

Forest Church: June 20-25; services at 7:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Carl Duck, pictured, pastor, Lakeside Church, Dallas, Tex., evangelist (Duck is a former pastor of First Church in Morton and in Batesville); James B. McElroy, minister of music, Forest music director; Rev. Frank W. Gunn, pastor.

First Church, Steens: June 21-27; Rev. Homer Martinez, evangelist; Bill Michael, singer; Old-Fashioned Open Air Revival in Steens, sponsored by First Church, Steens; Rev. Eugene Taylor, pastor; services at 7:30 p.m.

Mt. Pisgah (Choctaw): June 20-26; services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Ted Witcher of Memphis, Tenn., evangelist; Dan Guest of Kosciusko, singer; Rev. Pegram, pastor.

Holly Springs (Lincoln): June 20-25; Rev. Leon Champion of Shady Grove Church, evangelist; Charles Winborne of Southway Church, song director; Rev. James J. Horton, pastor; services at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday services: Sunday School at 10, preaching at 11; afternoon service at 1:30, lunch served in Fellowship Hall; no morning services during week.

Dry Creek (Rankin): June 20-25; Rev. Gene Henderson, pictured, pastor of Sunflower Church, evangelist; James Beasley, minister of music for Star Church, singer; services at 10:45 a.m. and 7:45 p.m.; Rev. Marion W. Gray, pastor.

Louis Church, Louis: June 13-18; Rev. J. Ray Grissett, pictured, pastor of First Church, Wiggins, evangelist; Rev. Howard Davis, pastor; services at 7:30 p.m.

Union (Rankin): June 20-25; services at 7:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Vance H. Dyess, evangelist; Sammy Neely, song leader.

McCall Creek Church: June 20-27; Rev. Garry Eudy, pictured, of Gilbertown, Alabama, evangelist; Guy Anderson of Fairview Church, Selma, Ala., singer; Thursday night, June 24, Kathy Morris of Forest, current Junior Miss, will make a guest appearance at special Youth Service; services during week at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Gary P. Burton, pastor.

For 14 years prior to coming to Crippled Children's Service, Bobo was connected with Vocational Rehabilitation, a Division of the State Board of Education, serving as counselor in Greenwood.

An earlier segment of Bobo's career was devoted to public school

teaching and administration.

Born in Millport, Alabama, son of Lee W. and Alice Robertson Bobo moved with his family to Choctaw County in early life.

He received a B.A. degree from Mississippi College and holds a Master's Degree in Education from Duke University.

An active member of Parkway Church, Bobo serves as a deacon,

chairman of the Day Care Kindergarten School, and teaches an adult class for men. He has served Mississippi College as president of the Booster Club and Board of Directors of the Alumni Association.

Bobo is married to the former Doris Thompson, of Houka and they are the parents of twin sons, who are physicians, and a daughter.



Aberdeen Youth Singers In Illinois
The Aberdeen Youth Singers of First Church, Aberdeen, are this week engaging in a missions adventure. Last Sunday night they sang at Southaven, Miss.; Monday night at First Church, Bridgeton, Mo.; and Wednesday night, at First Church, Petersburg, Ill. Thursday through Sunday, June 17-20, they will be leading in a "musical revival" and witnessing campaign at First Church, Lombard, Ill. Then Sunday night, June 20, they plan to sing at Clarksville Church, Clarksville, Ill. Donald Moore is the music director at First, Aberdeen.

Off The Record

New Man
A customer drove up to a filling station and noticed a large sign on the door with the announcement, "UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT."

"What's the idea?" he asked the attendant, seeing the owner inside. "Isn't that Jerry in there?"

"Oh, sure," was the answer, "He got married yesterday."

Young Logic
Twilight deepened as two little sisters played in the park. Suddenly one of them looked up and said, "I wonder if it's four o'clock yet."

"It couldn't be four," said the other, "because Momma said we were to be home by four, and we aren't."

One reason why the zoo is so popular with parents is that no matter how the kids may scream for it, you can't take it home with you.

DELAYED REACTION!

A short little fellow discussed his tennis game with a friend. "When my opponent hits the ball to me, my brain immediately barks out a command to my body: 'Race up to the net' — it says. 'Slam a blistering drive to the far corner; jump back into position to return the next volley,'"

"Then?" asked his friend.

"Then," sighed the round one, "my body says, 'Who — me?'"

SBC Executives, Homes For Aging, To Meet In June

NASHVILLE — As part of Southern Baptists' preparation for the White House Conference on Aging scheduled in Washington late this year, the Southern Baptist Association of Executives of Homes for the Aging will hold their annual meeting June 24-25 on the theme, "Exploring National Resources on Aging."

Two established leaders in the field of aging are scheduled to speak to the Baptist group during the meeting at the Holiday Inn (Central), Washington, D. C.

Archie Brickle, superintendent of the Bethel Baptist Home in Darlington, South Carolina, is president of the Association. W. L. Howse III of the Christian Life Commission, SBC, serves in a staff capacity for the organization.